

SENATE RESOLUTION 8  
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A RESOLUTION to commend Tommy Hart for being named  
Collierville's Person of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Hart is one such noteworthy person who evinces great integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; Mr. Hart has distinguished himself as a spirited public servant and was deservedly recognized as Collierville's Person of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a long-time resident of Collierville, Mr. Hart attended Lambuth University and graduated from the University of Memphis in 1966 with a degree in Business Administration; he was later given an honorary Doctorate of Humanities by Lambuth University; and

WHEREAS, pursuing a commitment to education, Mr. Hart has served as member of the Board of Trustees of Lambuth University, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Lambuth University, as President of the Lambuth Alumni Association, and as a member of Lambuth's Sesquicentennial Campaign Major Gifts Committee; Mr. Hart is also a Life Member of Tennessee PTA, a recipient of the Friend of Education Award, and was a member of Governor Lamar Alexander's Committee for Better Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hart founded the Marty Hart Scholarship Foundation, which provides scholarships for Collierville High School students, using funds raised in the Marty Hart Golf Classic; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hart is an active and dedicated member of the Collierville United Methodist Church, where he has served as a member of the Administrative Board, the Long-

Range Planning Committee, the Finance Committee, the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, a conference delegate, and a board member of the United Methodist Neighborhood Centers; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated businessman, Tommy Hart is the President of Hart's Manufacturing, the family business founded by his mother and father, and was Managing Partner of Collierville Business Center in 1984, was a Managing Partner of GH Main Street, LLC, in 2002, was on the Board of Directors at Renasant Bank, served as Chairman and member of the Board of Directors of the Particleboard-Medium Density Fireboard Institute, and stood as President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Homefurnishings Manufactures Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hart was recognized as Tennessee's Small Businessman of the Year and served as a delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business; Mr. Hart has served as a member of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center and member of the University of Tennessee's Board of the Center for Industrial Services; and

WHEREAS, elected in 1994, Tommy Hart served two terms as a Shelby County Commissioner; devoted to serving the public, Mr. Hart has rendered sterling service to the Commission as Commission Chairman, Chairman of Law Enforcement, Fire, Corrections and Courts Committee, Chairman of Education and Libraries Committee, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, a member of the Conservation, Chickasaw Basin and Shelby Farms, Land Use, Planning, Transportation, and Code Enforcement, and the Housing and Economic Development Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hart is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of 43 years, Rosemary Christian Hart; Tommy and Rosemary are the loving parents of Sherri Hart Beutelschies and Thomas C. Hart and the proud grandparents of James, William, Nathan, and Andrew; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hart is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, he also served on the Shelby County Retirement Board, the Memphis Cook Convention Center Board, the Shelby County/Memphis Crime Commission, and the MLGW Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to take this opportunity to recognize a citizen who epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Tommy Hart for his meritorious service to Collierville, Shelby County, and the State of Tennessee, applaud his reception of Collierville's Person of the Year award, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.